Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1 to 7 as presented in the underlying International Application No. PCT/EP2004/012653 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims as indicated in the listing of claims below.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 to 7 (canceled).

Claim 8 (new):   A lightweight valve comprising:

a valve stem;

a hollow valve cone connected to the valve stem and having a greater diameter end region and an smaller diameter end region; and

a valve disk closing the valve cone and having a flat side facing the valve cone, the valve disk and valve cone in a connection region having an at least approximately continuous transition, the valve disk being provided on the flat side facing the valve cone with a recess, the recess defining a centering or supporting seat of the valve disk and the valve cone projecting into the recess with the greater diameter end region of greater diameter,

the valve cone being a separate component and fixed at the smaller diameter end region to the valve stem or to a stem connection element provided on the valve disk.

Claim 9 (new):   The lightweight valve as claimed in claim 8 wherein the transition is conical.

Claim 10 (new):   The lightweight valve as claimed in claim 8 wherein the valve disk is of disk-shaped design and has a conical longitudinal portion in the connection region, a cone angle of the conical longitudinal portion being the same as a cone angle of the greater diameter end region of the valve cone.

Claim 11 (new):   The lightweight valve as claimed in claim 8 wherein a further centering or supporting seat for the end of smaller diameter of the valve cone is provided on the valve stem or the stem connection element.

Claim 12 (new):   The lightweight valve as claimed in claim 8 wherein the valve disk has a support for the valve cone.

Claim 13 (new):   The lightweight valve as claimed in claim 11 wherein the valve is an internal combustion engine valve.